

# COUNCIL BRIEFS

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October 6, 2017

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**Motor Vehicle Tax bills mailed 10/6:** Today the Town mailed motor vehicle tax bills to West Hartford residents based on the current State legislation of 32 mills. The Town had delayed the mailing of the bills since June as the state deliberated on its budget. With the State budget still uncertain, the Town can no longer wait.

Motor vehicle tax bills are due November 1. The last day to pay without penalty is Dec. 1. The tax office will be open on December 1, from 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

Should there be a mill rate change when the final State budget is adopted, the Town may issue a supplemental tax bill at a later date. Your understanding regarding the timing of the motor vehicle bills is appreciated.

**Columbus Day Holiday:** West Hartford town hall, municipal offices, libraries, senior centers, community center, and public schools will be closed on Monday, October 9 for the Columbus Day holiday. There is no delay in the collection of trash and recyclable items. The Recycling Center will also be open, 7:00 AM-4:30 PM.

**Last Round of Paving:** The Town has commenced the last round of street milling and paving for this construction season. The streets slated for improvement include Middlebrook Road, Northmoor Road, Carlyle Road, Russell Lane, Old Meadow Road, Walker Lane, Flagg Road and Gifford Road. School busses and local traffic will be allowed to use these roads at all times though short delays are possible.

**Floodplain Awareness and Management:** The Department of Community Development has begun its annual public outreach effort related to floodplain awareness and management. West Hartford is one of few municipalities in Connecticut that is rated in FEMA's Community Rating System because of its ongoing efforts. As a result, West Hartford property owners enjoy a 10% discount on flood insurance premiums. To learn more about the Town's flood plain management efforts, please

contact the Town Planner at 860-561-7556.

**Flu Immunization Clinics:** Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Since every flu season is different, an annual immunization is recommended. The West Hartford/Bloomfield Health District will provide flu shots on:

\* October 18 - West Hartford Town Hall Auditorium, 12:00-2:00 PM

\* October 20 - West Hartford Senior Center, 15 Starkel Rd., 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

\* October 25 - Elmwood Community Center, 1106 New Britain Ave., 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

No appointment is necessary. For more information, call 860-561-7900.

**Curbside Composting Pilot Program begins:** Public Works began a pilot program on Oct. 5 with over 100 households to test the feasibility of a curbside food waste recycling program. The pilot program will run 4 months and is made possible by partnering Covanta Energy, Quantum Bio-Power and Paine's Inc. West Hartford is the only town testing a municipal source separation collection of residential food waste. Quantum reported that the first load of food waste totaled one ton!

**Fire Station Open House:** The West Hartford Fire Department will hold an Open House at Station #2, 20 Brace Road, on October 11, 5:00-9:00 PM, during National Fire Prevention week. The event is free. Stop by to learn safety tips to protect your home and family.

**Park Road Parade, October 7:** Bring the whole family to the 19th Annual Park Road Parade on Saturday, October 7 at 10:30 AM. A true celebration of West Hartford and beyond, the parade features over 70 participating groups including bands, clowns, dancers, floats, dogs of all shapes and sizes, color guards, businesses, and civic and cultural organizations.

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